

# In-Fur-Nation

## And the ConFurence Chronicle

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### Mister Kitty-Cat, listen to me...

ConFurence dothdrag-on through the long, hot days of summer. Look ahead and find out more about preparations for our next big gathering here in California. But first, here's the news...

Another furry-friendly convention! Checkout SteveAddress's notes below to find out more about Zonie Con, coming next May to Casa Grande, Arizona.

After a disappointing run at the movie theaters, Fox's animated feature *Cats Don't Dance* (starring the voices of Scott Bakula and Jasmine Guy, with songs by Randy Newman) will be available in video stores on August 19, from Warner Brothers Home Video.

Also out on video is the *Happy Birthday Carl* collection. This video scrapbook features highlights from the 95- and 96- birthday parties thrown for Carl 'Duckman' Barks over the last two years. Also on hand is an overview of the career of the well-known creator of the Disney Ducks.

Disney TV's animated series *Jungle Cubs* has been picked up for a second season on ABC, Saturday mornings, according to *Variety*.

Two new animated TV series which were featured at this year's NAPTE show include *Happy Ness: The Secret of Loch Ness* and *The Littlest Pet Shop*. In *Happy Ness*, three American children who accidentally stumble across a city full of talking magical 'nessies' hidden beneath an ancient Scottish castle. *Pet Shop* meanwhile follows the adventures of a miniaturized group of talking animals (cat, dog, horse, rabbit, and monkey) who secretly live inside a pet shop's tree-house display.

Two comic books starring characters from Disney's new animated feature *Hercules* will be released in July from Acclaim Comics. *Disney's Enchanting Stories*, starring Megara and Pegasus, also features new comic stories featuring Beauty and the Beast, the 101 dalmatians, Pocahontas, Snow White, and the Hunchback. While *Disney's Action Club*, starring Herc himself and his mentor Phil, also features new stories with characters from *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Hunchback*, *Toy Story*, and the *Mighty Ducks* TV series.

New from Dark Horse Comics is the *Usagi Yojimbo Color Special: Green Persimmon*. This full-color stand-alone story by creator and artist Stan Sakai follows Usagi as he tries to keep a promise to a dying man - and survive! Also from Dark Horse is the second *What's Michael?* compilation, called *Living Together*. This well-known manga series (black and white) follows the adventures of a number of domestic cats, all named Michael.

Archie Comics presents two new adventure collections for friends of Sonic the Hedgehog. In the *Sonic Super Special #1: Brave New World*, Sonic and his compatriots must deal with rebuilding their world following the defeat of Dr. Robotnik. The *Sonic Blast Special #1* is based on the *Sonic 3-D Blast* game for Sega Genesis and Game Gear, and follows the adventures of Sonic and his friends on the dangerous Flicky Island.

The stars of last year's *Pakkins' Land* return in an all new series, *Quest for Kings #1*. The animals and their young human friend fight to rescue a long-lost king in this black & white adventure from Caliber Comics. The story and art are by Gary and Rhonda Shipman, and issue #1 features a special cover by *Bone* creator Jeff Smith.

New from Amaze Ink is *Spin World #1* by Brett Anderson and Eric Vinicoff. A black & white series of short comic stories revolving around an orbiting space station called The Spacing Dutchman, among the inhabitants are a human woman and a male dolphin who are lovers.

More new black & whites... the Huja Brothers bring us *Rat Bastard* from Crucial Comics, where a mutant rat in a wasteland future searches for a killer. Or how about *Fishkar* by Veronica Sloane, a human-fish mutant who seeks revenge on the industrial polluters who lead to her condition. (From Dewlap Divers Productions) Meanwhile, East Willis Productions welcomes the return of *Captain Jack* creator Mike Kazaleh with *Line the Dustbin Funnies*, a collection of short humor stories. From Gallant Studios, Alberto and Luis Antonio Melendez bring us two action-packed insectoid adventure comics, *Ant Farm* and *Lo Cucaracha*. *The Book of Lore* is a collection of fantasy short stories in comic book form, following at adventures of dragons, goblins, ogres, and other creatures fantastic and real. From Peregrin Arts and Entertainment, with art by The Dark One and others.

Two creators of well-known semi-furry comics join forces, as Trent Kaniuga and Ethan Van Sciver bring us *CyberFrog V's CreeD #1*, from Harris Comics. The young lord of Dreamworld accepts an offer for power and control out in the real world... unaware that his enemies have set the mad cybernetic frog against him.

Having made its premiere at ConFurence Eight, Matt Henry and Freddy A-Son's new black & white comic *Milikardo Knights #1* is now available from Mad Badger Studios. Furrries and a group of hermaphroditic aliens join forces to fight against the armies of a ruthless mercenary corporation bent on their extinction.

MU Press's sister imprint, Aeon, presents a new black & white mini-series from *Magic: The Gathering* artist Justin Hampton. Called simply *Rat*, it follows the adventures of a disillusioned young man trying to emulate his hero, Ricky Rat.

Upcoming this summer, now from Radio Comix, is a new edition of the ever-popular *Hit the Beach* collection. Dozens of well-known and lesser-known furry artists present pin-ups and short stories in this annual, which is also available in a deluxe edition with a full-color pull-out poster by Ben Dunn. Also from Radio, look for *Filthy Animals #1*, a new adult comic from Stan Jink and Cindy Crowell bring us the adventures of a group pornstar toons...poons, as they're called.

*Tales of Suburbia City*, starring *Eagle Man* is a new mini-comic available (for \$1.00 plus an SASE) from Laneelot Johnson, 1571 41st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122. Also checkout the *Eagle Man* web site at <http://members.aol.com/EagleMan22/index.html>.

Nate Van Dyke is an illustrator/inker, just graduated from high school, who is looking for work in the comic book field. Check out the ascan for his new black & white comic *Drifted* by sending \$1.00 plus an SASE to Nate at: 15 Madera Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960.

Dragonriders of Pern creator Anne McCaffery now brings us *A Diversity of Dragons*, an illustrated study guide for dragons of historical and literary, big and small, evil and virtuous. In hardcover, from Harper Collins. Speaking of dragons, look for a new illustrated graphic novel, *Testament of the Dragon*, available soon from Big Entertainment. Based on a work by well-known fantasy author Margaret Weis, the story follows a group of powerful sorcerers called The Disciples of the Dragon - and the creatures they worship.

World-famous voice actor June Foray has a new audio book available, called *Tall and Small Tales*. This collection of June's original short stories and fairy tales for children features many of her famous vocalizations. Available from your local audio book dealer, or contact: Helion AudioBooks, 859 N. Hollywood Way, Ste. 281, Burbank, CA 91505.

For those with access to the World Wide Web, and an interest in upcoming animated feature films (From Disney, and many others), check out these sites: Miguel's site at [www.geocities.com/Hollywood/7691/](http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/7691/), and Peter's more Disney-oriented site at [www.rahul.net/pacmedia/dis](http://www.rahul.net/pacmedia/dis). The "Mulan FAQ" at [www.geocities.com/Hollywood/5082/mulanfaq.html](http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/5082/mulanfaq.html) is specifically dedicated to *Mulan*, Disney's new animated feature which premieres in the summer of 1998.

Speaking of the Web, furry author and frequent furry-filker Michael Payne will have his short story *Rat's Reputation* (formerly seen in *Furversion*) published soon on *Tomorrow Science Fiction's* Web Site at [www.tomorrow.com](http://www.tomorrow.com). Also, starting in January of 1998, Michael's Ottersgate novel *The Blood Jaguar* (set in the same universe as *Rat's Reputation* and the folk song *Cotillion*) will be serialized at the same Web Site.

Troubles with the Hotel at ConFurence Eight? Did you experience a problem with missing rooms or reservations at the Buena Park Hotel or the Colony Inn at ConFurence Eight? We're attempting to determine if there is a pattern to what happened to some folks, an get it corrected ahead of time before CF9. If you would, please send us a note (snail mail only, sorry) to the ConFurence P.O. box, and try to describe what happened - including any and all pertinent dates, times, and names. Also, if you wrote a letter of complaint to your credit card company, or the City of Buena Park, or any such group, please describe to us what the result was. Thanks!

From Steve Addelee [carcagou@fifa.net](mailto:carcagou@fifa.net):

Greetings good furrries. My name is Tam Man. You could be my assistant. Would you like that? Would you like to assist Tam Man? Well, it was funny when the quarterback in the Snickers commercial said the same thing to the hulking linebacker. Of course, the quarterback thought he was Batman.

I'm taking a moment from inking SHANDA THE PANDA #19 and the "Werelocks" WebMovie to update you on the furry portion of my comics career. SHANDA THE PANDA #18 has just been released, which I've inked and lettered. I'm doing the same for SHANDA THE PANDA #19, written by Mike Curtis; the lead story is pencilled by Michele Light, the back feature pencilled by Carla Speed McNeil. NEW HORIZONS #2 will include the first episode of my "Fawn" series, written by Michael Wolff and pencilled by Dann Phillips, which I inked and lettered. I've inked an 8-page episode of SCOTMAN & ICELAND, written by Scott Malcomson and pencilled and lettered by Kjartan Arnorsson. I drew an illustration for Matt McCullar's "Grasslands" Tale, which should be available at Albany Anthro Con. I'm inking "cels" for the "Werelocks" WebMovie that will be released on the Web in a couple of months.

My other assignments and credits are non-furry. If you're interested in knowing about them, you can contact me via email.

I've been invited as Artist Guest of Honor for ZonicCon. It'll be held May 1-3, 1998 at the Francisco Grande Hotel and Resort in Casa Grande, Arizona. With all this going for me, I hope to eventually get more notice and respect than Rodney Dangerfield. That covers it for now. 'Til then.

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### ConFurence has *Stuff!*

The original Furry Convention is proud to present the ConFurence General Store. Two of our most popular T-Shirt designs are back in print for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by Eric Schwartz from CF7, and "The Sydney Fisher Tour" (white on black) by Michele Light from CF8. Plus, look for the newly available *ConFurence Seven Highlights Video!* Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books! Look for the order form from The General Store attached to the back of this very issue of *In-Fur-Notion*.

**A Request to Our Readers:** Hey, got a favorite comic or book store that carries your favorite furry titles, or that you wish would carry more? Give us their address! We'll send them a copy of *In-Fur-Nation* each quarter, and keep them abreast of the kind of comics and media that you would like to see on their shelves! Remember, they can't order it if they don't know it's out there! *As an alternate:* Know of any good comic review zines or web sites that might be looking to trade issues?

**Advertising in *In-Fur-Nation*:** For those who've been asking, ads in *In-Fur-Nation* come in these sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for \$5.00 per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for \$10.00 per issue. Full-page inclusions can also be arranged for \$50.00 an issue. Check should be made out to ConFurence. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958.

**Department of Corrections Department:** Due to pure oversight on the part of our editor, several important facts were left out of the April issue of *In-Fur-Nation* with regards to ConFurence Eight. 1) In discussing the Costume Presentation winners, we neglected to note that there were TWO runners-up: 'Yippy the Coyote', made and worn by Jimmy Chin, and 'Sir Karl', made and worn by Kevin Kelm. (Both received certificates in honor of their status.) 2) Among the guest of the convention, we neglected to mention *Architect of Sleep* author Steven R. Boyett, who stopped in briefly on Saturday. 3) ConFurence staff member Gary Renaud was somehow left off the list of Super Sponsors, even though he was one. So was Super Sponsor Pete Glaskowsky. Our sincerest apologies to all the folk we neglected to mention - we'll try harder next time!

(Many thanks to the people who helped provide information for this issue, both by mail and via Internet!)

...you don't have to be good, but you had better be...  
[Daria Dimple, cute villain, from *Cats Don't Dance*]

### Here We Go With The Other Winning Words!

As described in our last issue, the ConFurence Eight Furry Filk Song contest had so many entries, the folk who listened just couldn't decide on a single winner! So, this issue we proudly present the second of two first-place songs, this one brought to you by none other than multi-time winner Michael Payne. [By the way, this song presents aspects of a story series that Michael has had published in *Furversion*, and will soon have published again in other science fiction magazines on line!]

### Coition

Words and music c. 1996 by Michael Payne

*I never thought I'd see the day that I'd be standing next to you  
The music's starting 'cross the way, you turn to me, your fur so  
gray.*

*Your eyes so blue, you ask me to dance with you.*

*I know that I should be prepared - we've practiced all these  
steps before -*

*But I had never hoped or dared to dream you'd think of me or  
core*

*To tread the floor. I store, and you ask once more.*

*Then I bow, you curtsy, your smile so warm and bright, all the  
ice in my stomach gets thawed*

*Then my arms 'round your waist, the music swings and sways,  
out we step, my heart light as air*

*'Till I stomp on your paw:*

*It's one and two and three and four: this dance was never  
meant for rats*

*The snickers I try to ignore from other couples on the floor  
Those mousy buns in their silk scarves and bowler hats.*

*Just 'cause I'm a foundling here, adopted what, ten years ago?  
I grew up with them, still they jeer - except for you, you're  
always near*

*When I feel low, showing me what I need to know:*

*Then you squeeze my shoulder and tell me to relax: It's a  
dance, not a march off to jail*

*Your laugh's contagious, I can't help joining in; and we glide,  
two leaves on the breeze*

*Till I stomp my own tail.*

*Why do I pretend? I'm a rat, pure and simple, the other mice  
don't want me here*

*I'm a freak, the butt of jokes for everyone in town. But the  
music swells, and your paws gently guide me*

*Your whispers of encouragement; your dark eyes, full of smiles  
Just won't let me frown.*

*The music slows and softens now; I draw you close, or you draw me.  
I breathe a silent, solemn vow to see this through: I won't allow  
Their hate to be a wedge between you and me.  
And if they ever push me out with all their little snaps and sneers  
No matter what I say or shout, it's not at you, and have no doubt  
I'll still be near if you need me at all, my dear:  
Then the music's ending, the band stands up and bows, as the  
chaperones all start to applaud  
My eyes meet yours and I stumble after words, till you smile,  
put a paw to my lips  
You give a sigh and a nod  
I just blink and stare; do you feel what I'm feeling? Has the  
spark inside my heart  
Struck a matching spark in yours, or do I just pretend?  
But you hold my gaze as applause rolls around us, then quick  
and light you kiss my cheek  
Saying that, no matter what, you'll always be my friend.  
Then the dance floor's clearing, folks move to their seats. I  
bow to you and offer my arm  
You smile and take it, we step down from the floor: and when  
we pass him bye I don't even crack Pol  
All that hard on the head when he calls me an oaf: I just say  
that some folks I could name  
Have a lot more to learn about charm  
'Cause I danced with you.*

And here's a look at Coming Attractions...

## ConFurence Nine – Furrries in Love!

Our main theme for ConFurence Nine: Furry romance, furry couples, love songs, and all that pretty stuff we remember some of our favorite stories and movies for. Plus this year's secondary theme: Furrries Down Under! Not just the 'roos, but the wombats, the platypi, and all the rest of the unusual ones from Australia!

## The Guests

At last, ConFurence Nine has a literary Guest of Honor! What's more, she's our first Guest from a whole other continent! ConFurence Nine is pleased and proud to welcome Lisanne Norman to our shores. Ms. Norman already has a trio of well-received (not to mention rather large!) science fiction novels from DawBooks, The Sholan Series: *Turning Point*, *Fortune's Wheel*, and the recent *Fire Margins*. The story follows two telepaths, she a human and he from the Sholan (a cat-like alien race) who fall in love, suffer through numerous political intrigues and adventures, and eventually help to sire a new hybrid species. What's more, Lisanne informs us that she has even more furry stories in the works, some coming out very soon!

At the request and advice of some of our Guests themselves, we've expanded the group of FurryMUCK wizards we'll be inviting as Guests of Honor. (Hey, we knew it was a group effort getting that thing started and – even more important – keeping it going!) All of them are important programmers in this (still) new virtual furry role-playing system. Come and hear their story of the how's, the why's, and the what-next.

And who else is joining us at Nine? Folks like Larry Adams, Steve Addelee, Mitchell Bier, E. T. Bryan, John and Rachel Cawley, Jimmy Chin, Steve Gallacci, Roz Gibson, Jim Groat, James Hardiman, Daphne Lage, Monika Livingstone, Michael Scot McMurry, Chuck Melville, Lex Nakashima, John Nunnemacher, Joe and Trish Ny, Fred Patten, Dusty Rhodes, Ted Sheppard, Terrie Smith, Taral Wayne, Mel. White, Elin Winkler, Tommy Yune, Ed Zolna, and numerous well-known artists and writers from YARF!, MU Press, Vision, and Radio Comix! And many more! But remember, the face we always most want to see there most is yours! So drop on in and make us happy!

## Our New Old Hotel

ConFurence returns once again to the Buena Park Hotel, right in the parking lot of Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California – after some tweaking, painting, and re-tooling on their part. Word from them is that they're even working on a new room-key system! The really great news is that we've made a deal for you: Once again, rooms are only \$64.00 a night for single, double, triple, or quad! Suites are also available; call the hotel for more details. For reservations, call (800) 422-4444, or the local number (714) 995-1111 in Orange County. Always Important: Make sure to call during business hours (M-F 9 am - 5 pm, pacific time only), and make sure to mention ConFurence! Reservations tend to fill up months before the con, so think about getting yours in soon!

## Other Accommodations

For those fans of less means, there are also a trio of cheaper motels right across the street from our host hotel. They include:

**The Colony Inn**  
**The Covered Wagon Motel**  
**The Crescent Inn**

These will be serving as our 'overflow' hotels, and might even have some activities take place in them. We'll tell you more about them next issue!

## Other Things About O.C.

Besides the seemingly endless stream of folks making trips to Disneyland before and after a ConFurence, other local fun-places-to-go near our host hotel include:

Knott's Berry Farm, Medieval Times, Movieland Wax Museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, and Wild Bill's Western Show. Please write us and let us know if any of these interest you, and we might be able to see about discount group tickets! At the con itself, just stop by the Hotel's Concierge and feel free to ask what you need to know about local fun spots.

## The Den of Dealers

As of this June, we sold the very last tables in the Den of Dealers for ConFurence 9. That's more than 80 tables worth of stuff for the discerning furry collector! Want your last chance to get involved? Please write us and let us know if you want to be placed on the Waiting List for the Den of Dealers 1998. Otherwise, just show up, and be prepared to be blown away by the variety of comics, books, music tapes, portfolios, fanzines, prints, puppets, t-shirts, and other just-plain-neat-stuff you'll find at our furry trade show! If a table opens up at the last minute, and you're on the Waiting List — we'll let you know first!

The Artists' Alley is always one of the most popular and populated areas of any ConFurence, and ConFurence Eight is going to carry on that tradition for sure! These tables in our hotel's pre-convene area (right above the Main Lobby) are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis at the con itself, and need to be signed up for each morning. And remember, tables in Artists' Alley are for selling original art, prints, and print portfolios *only*. Write to Steve Gattuso at the ConFurence address for any information on table space and Den of Dealers issues. (Steve can also be e-mailed via [doodles@primene.com](mailto:doodles@primene.com).)

## The Art Show

Once again, we're taking up a *huge* space for next year's Art Show. But once again, experience tells us that the ConFurence Nine Art Show will fill up — again! Trust us, if you do art of funny animals, furrries, monsters, aliens, toons, or even real animals, you do want to be in this art show! Your first art show space (4 ft. by 4 ft., horizontal or vertical) is still available free with your paid supporting or attending membership — all you have to do is claim it, in writing. Additional art show spaces are available for a low \$5.00 each. We also have an extensive Print Shop available for selling copies of your work. So get your reservations in today! What, you can't make it to ConFurence? No problem! Reserve your space, and mail us your art before the con — we'll set it up, send you back what may not sell, and get you off a check for your sold items! We have an extensive registration 'instruction sheet' available that explains all the ins and outs of displaying and selling art, sculpture, prints, or whatever at ConFurence, so write to Jazmyn Concolor at the ConFurence address (or e-mail her at [jazmyn@firstlight.net](mailto:jazmyn@firstlight.net)) and we'll send it off to you right away! Don't delay! Trust us...

## The Video Program

The ConFurence Video Program once again will run for 24 hours, day and night, all through CF9. Once again we're accepting submissions of both ideas and video tapes of furry things to show. With four days and 24 hours each, that's a lot of room for ideas! If you have something we should know about in furry video, write to the P.O. Box or e-mail address, and be sure to put **Attn: Video** on your letter!

## Get Ahead in the Game!

ConFurence Nine will feature not one, but two rooms dedicated to Gaming: Card Games ('Magic Spoken Here'), and more traditional Role-Playing Games ('MagicFree Zone'). Interested in setting up a specific game tournament? Write to us ASAP, at the ConFurence address (put **Attn: Games** on the envelope or subject line). We'll help you find people interested in playing!

## In 1998, Things Will Happen...

### The Cabaret Fur le Dance

Once again, we can promise you another magical evening of furry entertainment at our famous charity stage show. What kind of entertainment will there be this year? More of the same, and hopefully lots of new stuff! We'd love to expand on the variety angle of our famous show, and of course see more acts with furrries in mind. Perhaps you have an idea for an act yourself? Dance, singing, music, comedy? Why not try it out on the ConFurence staff — you just might find yourself on stage! Write to Mark Merlino at the ConFurence address for all the de-tails! Or, you can e-mail him at [syls@netcom.com](mailto:syls@netcom.com). (Just remember, once again *all* performers in the Cabaret *must* be able to first attend a special pre-planning meeting on Friday night, January 16, at ConFurence!)

...and...

Something new is being proposed for the fund-raising show part of ConFurence. A variety show, featuring music, dance and comedy performed by some of our talented and more Furry members! This event will likely take place earlier in the evening, and will contain no "adult only" material. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in performing, would like to help with the show, or get more info., please contact John Cawley (PO BOX 5432, Blue Jay, CA 92317. E-mail: [topfox@ix.netcom.com](mailto:topfox@ix.netcom.com))

### Fur Goes Dancing!

Once again, ConFurence is happy to bring you not one, but *three* high-energy dances for your enjoyment! Whether it's the high-tech buzz of *Club Tekno-Fur*, the dark gothic charms of *Nevermore*, or the exotic and sexy sounds of *The Purple Nurple Live*, you're sure to find something to get your feet, tail, and booty moving! And remember, all three of them are included free with your membership!

## The Food

We continue with our great feeding traditions, the Friday night Ice Cream Social, our annual frozen-food munchie-fest; and the Saturday Night Furry Feed, where for a small price, you can indulge in some finely crafted lasagna — at venue which we like to call Garfield's.

And remember, the Buena Park Hotel features a full-service coffee shop, a fancy bar with a 50's theme, and (newly renovated) a Japanese restaurant and sushi bar — all under one roof! (Don't worry, once again we'll have our Restaurant Guides printed up if you want to check out what else is in the neighborhood!)

## All The Stuff Goin' On... At The Local Furry Con!

Con-Fur-ence Number Nine! What's happening? Still more of what we're famous for, of course: Meetings, discussions, rap sessions and round-tables on dozens of furry topics, from art and writing to animation, computers, games, and even meeting other fans of your favorite animal species — plus some special new gatherings you're bound to enjoy! Presentations, lectures, and how-to sessions on writing, art, costume design and construction, publishing, and other aspects of the creative furry. And yes, more life-drawing workshops. Autographs from your favorite well-known lit and media furries. The Saturday afternoon Costume Presentation returns, with voting for the best costume — and yet more helpful how-to sessions with costume makers and designers. Plenty of room for all this time! Computer networking, art, animation, and technical innovations. Filking through the night, including our popular Furry Filksong Contest on Friday again. Sketching by literally dozens of artists of every size, shape, and style, anywhere they can find unoccupied horizontal space. Plus a whole lot more, including (we hope) the return of the popular Fur-Suit Dance Party! No problem keeping track of it all: Once again ConFurence will have its own daily newsletter. *The Scents Post*, keeping you on top of all the newest developments, twice daily. All the rest, as always, is what you bring to the con!

## The Price

Registration to ConFurence Nine is on a sliding scale — All memberships are \$25.00 for a full three-days Attending, from now until December 1st, 1997. From December 2nd, 1997 until January 8th, 1998, three-day Attending memberships are available for \$30.00, and after that, at-the-door for \$30.00 also. Plus, a full year of In-Fur-Nation, and our special annual ConFurence Souvenir Collection Book, are all included in the price of your membership! A single art show display space is also included free with your membership — if you write us and claim it!

And remember, we'd love to have you join us, but if you cannot make it out to our environs, feel free to join ConFurence as a Supporting member! Supporting members get a full year's subscription to In-Fur-Nation, the Souvenir Collection Book, and one free art show display space for the taking, all for the low price of just \$15.00! And, if your fortunes change, you can convert your supporting to a full attending membership at the door for only \$15.00 more. Such a deal, me lads and lassies!

We heartily recommend that you get your memberships now. That provides us with the best means to keep you in touch with ConFurence over the whole year — and if past history holds true, we'll have a lot of exciting stuff to tell you between now and the con itself!

## ConFurence Has Needs...

### Of Sponsors

Sponsors are the excellent people who help keep ConFurence going by giving just a little extra bit (or a lot extra bit!) of financial help. This is money for transporting, lodging, and feeding our special guests, as well as off-setting complimentary memberships. To become a sponsor, contribute a minimum of \$50.00 (up to \$99.00), which includes your initial membership fee. Remember: Indicate which of our special guests this money is to help toward, or just mark it "general fund" — we'll split it among all of them. And what do you get for being a sponsor? Sponsors are the only folks (besides staff and guests) allowed in the Guest Lounge, a special place set aside where folks can relax away from the hubbub of the con. And dine on some complimentary gourmet snacks, too. Plus, sponsors get some special prices on materials from the ConFurence store. And, sponsors get — our unending gratitude! (And, recognition by name in the souvenir book!)

### Of Super Sponsors!

Super Sponsors are the *awesomely* excellent furry folk who *really* want to help out ConFurence — and who think they deserve something special in return. Super Sponsors are nuts, er, wonderful people willing to contribute \$100.00 or more (which includes their initial memberships) toward a special guest of their choice, or just toward the guests in general. Super Sponsors get all the same neat stuff as other Sponsors, plus an added bonus of a chance to obtain some special art prints made just for Super's. Super Sponsors and Guests have their very own V.I.P. only Lounge — and wait until you see it! What? Don't have \$100.00 sitting around handy? Make installments! That's right, we'll take two payments of \$50.00, or four payments of \$25.00 — it still counts you as a Super Sponsor, as long as it totals \$100.00 by the time of the con itself. And remember — it's okay to earmark your sponsorship for the general fund, but it's really great when people tag it for specific guests — it helps us keep tab on who furries would like to see at ConFurence!



Once again at ConFurence Nine for Sponsors and Supers: We're setting up a special 'Express Registration' just for our pre-registered sponsors and super-sponsors (New and Improved this time!). You can bi-pass the line-up at Con Reg, get your badges and other con stuff right away, and get out there first to get those sketches in your books started!

## The ConFurence Souvenir Book

One of the coolest parts of any ConFurence is the annual Souvenir Book, a collection of black & white furry sketches and interesting articles on each year's convention theme. How do we put this together? YOU folks help out! With your art, your writing, your mini-sketches, and other furry tidbits. Here's a note from the editor of the ConFurence Nine souvenir book, John Cawley:

There is still some space available in the ConFurence 9 souvenir book. We are looking for black and white illustrations, black and white photos (fur-suits, 3D art, etc), and text. Preference will be given to those items that follow one, or both, of the themes - Furies in Love, or Furies Down Under. Send materials [camera-ready black & white copies, not originals] to THE CAWLEYS, PO BOX 5432, BLUE JAY, CA 92317. E-mail can be sent to topfox@ix.netcom.com. Deadline for submissions is October 1st, 1997.

## ConFurence Wants YOU...

... to join our staff and help put on one of the fastest growing fannish conventions on the West Coast! Join our team! We need volunteers to help out with all areas of the convention, from registration to art show to helping keep the fans well-fed! No experience necessary — we will train! For as little as 16 hours of work over the length of CF9 (though we won't stop you from helping more!), you can get access to our exclusive Staff Lounge, as well as use of our available crash space — plus, some other special goodies, and the knowledge that you've helped us pull this thing off for another year! Write to Volunteers care of the ConFurence address, or send e-mail to Rod O'Riley at [mink@firstlight.net](mailto:mink@firstlight.net) and we'll send you our staff sign-up sheet and information right away!

## Fly! Be Free!

For those who haven't heard yet, ConFurence has its own official travel agency, Ladera Travel of Southern California. They've specialized for years in getting good rates for travel to and from SF cons all over the world, including ours! Contact Rick Foss at (800) 624-6679 from outside California, or (310) 640-0527 inside California.

Don't be left with the herd! Keep in touch with the world of Anthropomorphics! Join ConFurence Today! See Ya in the Movies!

## ConFurence General Store

*Furry goods and services for you!*

**The ConFurence Collections:** These books of art, articles and short stories are very popular! ConFurence 6, 7, and 8 (56 pages!) for only \$5.00 each. Includes postage for North America. Please add \$2.00 for overseas post.

**ConFurence 7 "Furies in Force" highlights video:** What happened at CF7? Check out this audio-visual sampler of our 1996 gathering including the dedication of "Check-point Furry", artists, dealers, guests, songs, dancing and general silliness. Almost 2 hours long. VHS -NTSC (for other formats, please write to us). \$15.00, which INCLUDES N. American postage. Please add \$2.00 for overseas post. **Color Prints and more!** CF8 Dragon Song print by Brian Harp, (\$3.00 each). Sydney Wants YOU! CF7, David Bliss' recruiting poster with our mascot, Sydney! (\$3.00 each). Our CF5 Anime-heroes FiveFur have two "cast pictures" by Michele Light. (\$5.00 for set). Includes team bios and episode guide. From CF6 we have the pair of magical themed prints of Sydney and Cairn by Daphne Lage! (\$5.00 for the set). From CF4 Terrie Smith's mini-poster with Sydney, Cairn and a newly-hatched gryphon chick (kit?). The 11" X 17" color poster is only \$2.00. Postage: \$1.00 for per print or set and \$2.00 per order for overseas post. **T-Shirts!** Michele Light's beautiful "Concert" CF8 Black shirt w/ Sydney in white on front and all the CF dates/locations on the back. Tails High! Also available Eric Schwartz's CF7 "Furies in Force" Honey colored w/ black art of Sydney w/ BIG gun! Sizes: M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL. \$15.00. Postage: \$3.00 per shirt, \$5.00 per shirt for overseas post.

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\$30.00, after, and at the door. Includes In-Fur-Nation news.

\_\_\_\_ Supporting: \$ 15.00 (includes 4 issues of In-Fur Nation & CF Collection book) May be converted at the door for \$15.00

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### WHEN:

JANUARY (15), 16, 17, 18, 1998

### WHERE:

BUENA PARK HOTEL  
and Convention Center

\$ 64.00 / night (up to 4 per room)  
7675 Crecent Ave.

Buena Park, CA 90602

### RESERVATIONS:

Call (800) 422-4444 or (714) 995-1111  
9am and 5pm, M-F (say it's for ConFurence)

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\$ 15.00 supporting membership (anytime)

(includes 4 issues of In-Fur-Nation and  
the ConFurence Collection souvenir book)

\$15.00 will convert supporting to attending  
(paid at the con)

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A minimum contribution of \$ 50.00  
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